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Remarks:

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application. Claims 10 and 18 have been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 1. The Examiner has requested restriction to one of Groups I (claims 1-9), II (claims 10-17), or III (claims 18-20).

Specifically, the Examiner states that Groups I and III are related as combination and subcombination and are distinct if the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the sub-combination as claimed for patentability. In response, Applicant has amended claim 18 to require the structure of the stud as claimed in independent claim 1 within the claimed kit. As such, the combination now requires the particulars of the sub-combination.

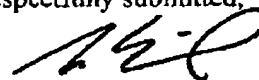
In addition, the Examiner states that Groups I and II are related as product and process of use and are distinct on the basis that the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process. In response, Applicant has amended claim 10 such that the process requires the use of a stud as claimed in independent claim 1. Accordingly, by so limiting the process as claimed, there would be no additional search burden on the Examiner and it is requested that all claims should be considered in a single application.

Nonetheless and notwithstanding the foregoing amendments and remarks, in order to be complete, **Applicant hereby elects the Group I claims.** Since an election must now be made to comply with the office requirements, this election is being made **with traverse** for the reasons as given above. In addition, it is believed that a complete response has been provided.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 403-609-9421.

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